

## in the news

### INSIDE

Sometimes photographs are taken which we either don't have the space to run or which simply aren't appropriate to print by themselves. In this issue we have gathered a few of our favorites of that variety and made them into a year end photo essay.

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The Varsity Basketball team opened its season with two disappointing losses. However, the games show that the team is improving rapidly and should become a formidable opponent soon.

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### EXCERPTS

Aspiring young journalists (like myself) find their sanity often challenged by the effort to build a good clipping file and follow in Woodstein's footsteps.

I've clambered across Stanford roofs at 11pm (led by a security guard), interviewed a Pet Rock and ridden inside a styrofoam octopus on a parade float, all in search of good stories.

But I'd never experience total disorientation until my internship last spring on a weekly newspaper in Washington.

The town had 4250 citizens and two papers. One had been publishing for about 70 years. Mine had been publishing about seven months, and I never did find out what its circulation was. I was the reporter and the photographer and I delivered a few papers.

I doubt a town can sue for character assassination, but there's no sense upsetting the local chamber of commerce by printing the name of the metropolis. Suffice to say it had: a) no pizza parlor, b) no movie theater, and c) no news.

— Dave Ansley  
*The Stanford Daily*

Cambridge is a city of many persuasions; almost any night of the week various cults are chanting, plotting or exchanging stir-fry recipes over works. But it is only on Wednesday nights that a group of men meet at MIT for two hours of squidding, squopping, potting and occasional bristling or gromping. And they do it with the door wide open.

"Tiddlywinks is not for everyone," says MIT Tiddlywinks Team captain Charles Frankston. "It takes a certain kind of mind to appreciate the game."

— The Boston Phoenix

## CEP urges delaying drop date decision

By David B. Koretz

The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) voted yesterday to recommend to the faculty that a decision on the controversial Drop Date policy proposals be postponed until the Feb. 15, 1978 faculty meeting.

(Informed sources were in agreement that the CEP's recommendation is almost certain to be accepted by the faculty at its Dec. 21 meeting.)

The statement released yesterday read in full:

"The Committee on Educational Policy by unanimous vote agreed to recommend to the faculty that a vote on the Drop Date policy be deferred until the February faculty meeting.

"This action was taken in response to the concern expressed by some students that they would not have ample opportunity to express their views to the faculty if the vote were taken at the Dec. 21 faculty meeting."

Professor Robert Hulsizer, chairman of the CEP, told *The Tech* that the original delay (until the December meeting) was to

"give the community an opportunity" to have their views known by the faculty before the vote.

Hulsizer admitted that the delay "may have looked like a conspiracy," but maintained that the intent was to let students and faculty think about the proposal before action was taken.

The CEP and the Committee on Academic Performance have been discussing since October a proposal to limit to one the number of courses a student could drop after the fifth week of a semester.

Hulsizer contended that since students don't vote at faculty meetings, it is "irrelevant" when the meeting takes place if the students make their views known to the faculty in advance.

If the meeting were held in December, he added, it wouldn't matter, since there would have been time to influence the faculty's vote. It's just a "symbolic thing," he maintained.

"The effective way to influence the faculty," he noted, "is through the media and other means."

## MIT investigates S. African stocks

By Mark James

MIT has begun to gather information on the South African involvements of the largest corporations in which it has invested, although Institute administrators have apparently received no protests about these holdings.

Several other universities in the area have recently received demands that they divest themselves of stock in companies doing business in South Africa, but only the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and Hampshire College have divested so far, and

their controversial holdings were minimal.

The calls for divestment have followed the recent wave of restrictions on free speech and movement instituted by the South African government against blacks. The protesters feel that efforts by universities to influence corporate policy are generally ineffective. University administrators have confirmed that divestment would merely transfer stock to another party and not be effective political action.

Special Assistant to the

Chairman of the Corporation Walter Milne said that the MIT Corporation's Advisory Committee on Shareholder Responsibility is drafting letters to the 50 or 60 corporations that compose about one-half of MIT's investments asking whether they are doing business in South Africa, and if so, what the nature of that business is and what percent of their total business lies there.

In addition, the letter asks what sort of policy statements the company has made concerning South African issues.

The Shareholder Responsibility Committee (SRC) advises the Corporation Executive Committee on investment questions related to social issues. Milne said that in the past the group had dealt with issues related to specific companies, instead of the broad issues involved in the South African case.

Having only met once this fall, the advisory group has not yet made any decisions related to South Africa, Milne noted, but he added that the group will

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### "Semi-seriously" under consideration

## EE Department may limit enrollment

By Kent Pitman

The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS) is discussing the feasibility of limiting entrance into the department, according to department head Wilbur B. Davenport, Jr. Davenport told *The Tech* the topic is being considered "semi-seriously" as a means of ensuring the quality of education in the EECS department in light of the rapid inflation that has been affecting the department in recent years.

Davenport noted that the total number of undergraduates who designate Course VI as their major has gone up steadily, while the total amount of money available to the department has remained the same or decreased slightly over the same span of time.

There are two issues involved, said Davenport:

- How does the department match its available resources with its responsibilities for proper education?

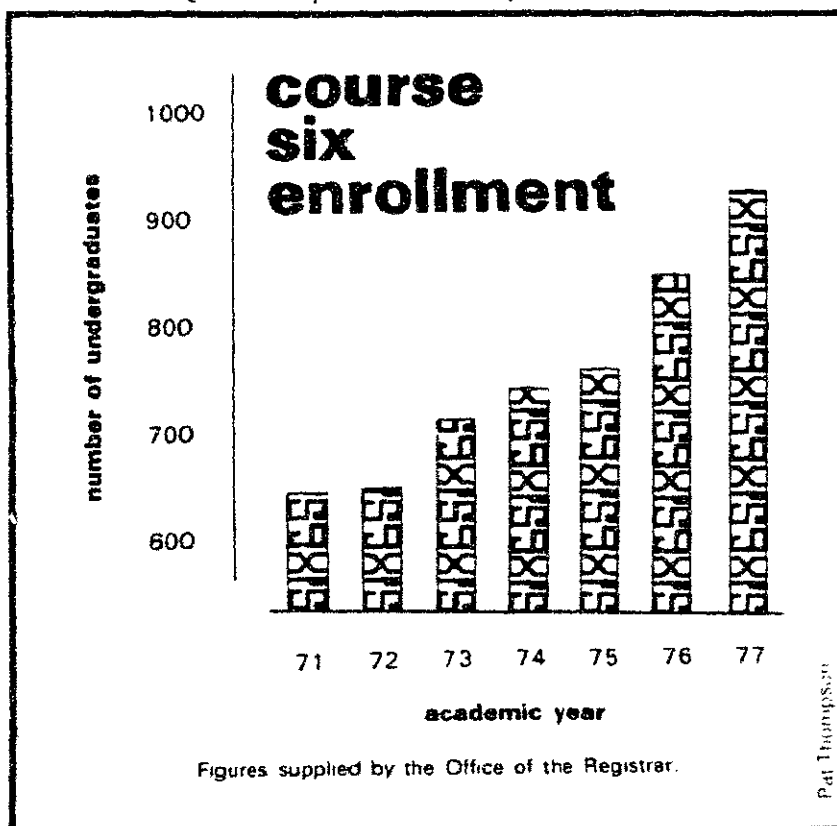
- 916 undergraduates have selected Course VI as a major — almost a third of the total who have designated majors. How can this growth be checked?

Andrew Eisenberg '79, head of the Course VI Student Faculty

Committee and a student member of the department's Undergraduate Educational Policy Committee, was also concerned about the deteriorating quality of education.

"In real terms, resources have been decreasing," he explained.

Ten years ago, there were 650 students in the EECS department which at that time had from 110 to 117 professors and over 40 assistant professors. Now there are almost a thousand students but only 97 professors and 17 assistant professors.



Eisenberg cited a "ten percent growth rate in the number of students entering department each year over the past two or three years" as one of the reasons that the EECS Department had asked MIT for an additional \$500,000 funding in its budget for the next fiscal year.

Both Davenport and Eisenberg noted that anything as drastic as a limited enrollment into the department would require the approval of the entire faculty.

Dean of the School of Engineering James D. Bruce confirmed this notion, stating that "The Institute policy is that students can elect their majors without restriction," and that to alter this policy would probably mean a change to the rules and regulations of the faculty.

Bruce added that in his opinion, "It is wrong to limit the enrollment because that is one of the great things about MIT — that students have the opportunity to select their majors."

However, noted Eisenberg, if outright changes did not occur, the department could resort to more "indirect means" for maintaining a quota if necessary. He gave grade deflation as an example.



A fire of unknown origin broke out in this car parked on Vassar Street across from the west end of Briggs field. No one was inside the auto at the time of the blaze, which was visible throughout West Campus. Police are tracing the car. (Photo by Gordon Haff)

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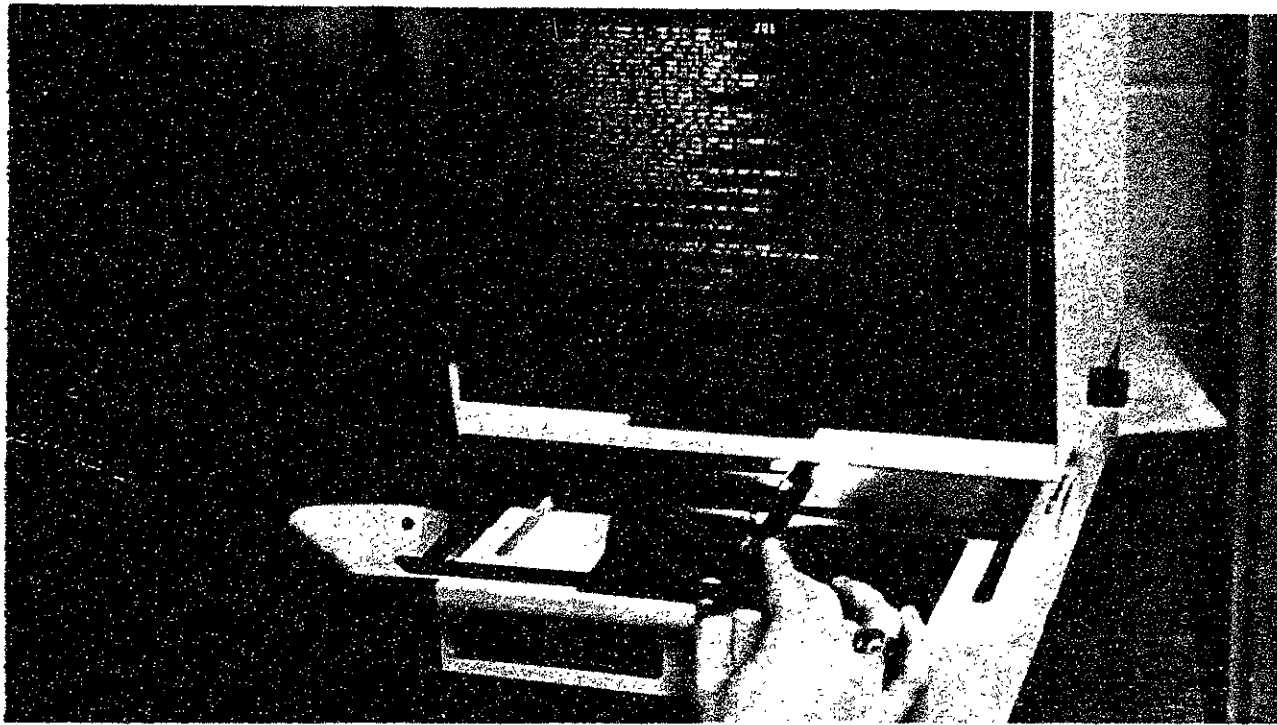
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## Burton first floor flooded

*Editor's note: What follows is a comic tale of an innocent hacker, an exasperated housemaster, and an unfortunate plumber. (Reprinted from March, 1970)*

"The guy that did that ought to be castrated with a dull spoon."

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### Looking back

Woodson, Housemaster of Burton House, characterized the culprit, presumably a student, whose innocent "hack" caused a flood of the first order on the first floor of Burton House Monday night.

Several huge wads of computer tape were found at the bottom of the main drain; they had effectively stopped up the drain so that no water could pass through. As a result the water backed up the drain, flooding the men's rooms, and ultimately the whole floor.

A plumber who was called in to repair the damage stated that the cost of fixing the back-up would be very high, and that he was convinced that the block-up was deliberate. Several people involved expressed the opinion that the hack was accomplished by flushing long lengths of the tape down the toilet repeatedly until a jam had been effected. The practical joker had obviously spent the better part of several hours to accomplish his deed.

The clean-up process began about midnight. Because of the jam, a pipe had overflowed in the vicinity of the elevator, causing it to cease functioning. Consequently residents had to use the stairs for the most of the evening to as-

cend to their rooms. All the rugs on the first floor had to be taken up, because they were saturated with water. This process itself took several hours, and at this writing, they still have not been re-laid.

For about a week prior to the flood, some students, many from Burton House, had been seen walking around the Institute grounds, trailing long lengths of computer tape behind them, and stringing it around trees, buildings, etc. Many people consider it likely that these same students are responsible for the Burton flood.

At the height of the flood, the entire first floor of Burton House was ankle-deep in water, and access was blocked off.

An interesting sidelight to the story is that while the repairs were proceeding, signs were posted on the lavatories asking students to abstain from using them for the duration of the process. One student nonetheless ignored the sign, used the toilet, and, according to reports, managed to deposit fecal waste directly on the face of a plumber working at the bottom of the toilet drain. The comment of the unfortunate plumber is unprintable.

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## news roundup

### Mideast

**Towards the Cairo conference** — President Carter this week urged other Arab leaders to follow Egyptian president Anwar Sadat's example in seeking peace with Israel. The Soviet Union, rejecting Sadat's invitation to the pre-Geneva conference slated for Dec. 14 in Cairo, stated in a communique released jointly with Syria that it seeks an "all-embracing Middle East settlement in conditions excluding the possibility of separate deals."

**Waldheim proposes UN Mideast conference** — United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has proposed another pre-Geneva conference to be held on the "neutral ground of the UN." Israel's Foreign Ministry has rejected the idea; Jordan has accepted it and Syria, while not giving official approval, has pledged "full support" to Waldheim. The Arab nations are opening meetings in Tripoli today in protest of Anwar Sadat's Cairo talks, which the hard-line Arab states regard as theatrics.

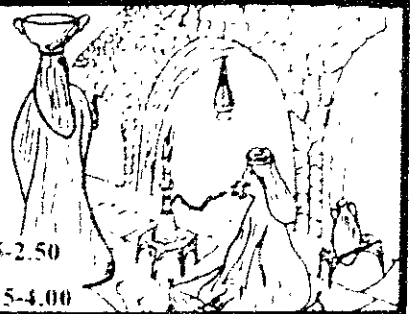
### Nation

**New oil pipeline okayed** — Secretary of the Interior Cecil Andrus yesterday gave tentative approval to a proposed east-west oil pipeline to be built by Standard Oil of Ohio. The 1206-mile pipeline would stretch from California to Texas and carry 500,000 barrels of oil daily.

**Carter plans New Year's trip** — President Carter announced yesterday that he will depart on Dec. 29 for a nine-day, six-country tour. The president will visit Poland, Iran, India, Saudi Arabia, France and Belgium. His plans include a press conference from Warsaw which will be the first ever from a Communist country by an American President. Carter had originally planned to visit three other countries — Nigeria, Brazil and Venezuela — but postponed those stops until later next year.

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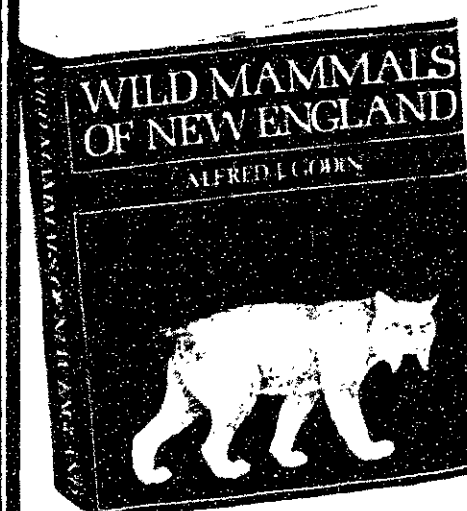
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# opinion

## What is the role of a free press?

By William Lasser

Following last week's editorial decrying Peter Berke's performance as Undergraduate Association President and my simultaneous explanation of the role of a newspaper in the evaluation of public officials and their programs, I received a letter from Henry Gardiner '79 taking me to task on one of my points.

Mr. Gardiner enclosed with his letter a clipping of the column, with the following words circled: "While *The Tech* does not profess to have all the answers, we do have the ability to decide if a particular answer is correct or not. That's the role of an active, involved and free press."

The text of his letter follows:

"No, no, no!" I challenge you to find that in any text about journalism.

"Newspapers do not have this ability/responsibility of deciding right from wrong. The second you consider yourself capable of this you have assumed an inflexible position."

"Nothing is 'right' or 'wrong'!"

"Remember, the page is titled 'opinion' — not 'decision.'"

Mr. Gardiner's point is well taken, although I originally had intended to distinguish not between

"opinion" and "decision" but between criticism and action. A newspaper can criticize, it can critique, even though its editorial board might not be able to do better if in the public official's shoes.

Peter Berke's letter to members of *The Tech's* board of directors is an example of what would happen if newspaper commentators were expected to follow through personally on complaints made against those holding positions of actual

responsibility. Newspapers do not have power in the real sense; they can influence public opinion, they can bring facts (or, in irresponsible actions, non-facts) to the attention of the community, they can stir others to action. But it is only by convincing others that action need be taken that they can wield any authority.

It is my fault through imprecise writing that I conveyed to Mr. Gardiner and presumably to others the opinion that newspapers — as distinguished from others — have the ability and the responsibility to tell right from wrong. They do have the right and the knowledge, like any other informed group or citizen, to make a judgment, even a moral or technical one which involves "right" and "wrong." The relationship between *The Tech* and undergraduates, or *The New York Times* and American citizens, is such that the press publishes its opinion, while their readers are expected to form their own judgments and act on them at the ballot box or through other means available to them.

Thus, when *The Tech* calls for the impeachment of Peter Berke as we did last issue, we are expressing an opinion formed after a serious consideration of the issues. We have, in a sense, differentiated a "right" course of action from a "wrong" one. But we are not crediting ourselves with an ability which we deny to others in an informed position — every undergraduate must make up his own mind as to whether he agrees with us or not. Furthermore, we recognize our responsibility to publish opposing points of view, and we will gladly print opinion articles or letters expressing the views of others.

We have not taken an inflexible position by expressing our opinion. If Peter Berke convinces us that we have misjudged him, not by words but by constructive and positive actions, we will not hesitate in commending him and rescinding our call for impeachment. And if arguments by others in disagreement with us convince us that we are wrong, we will admit our error.

The possibility of our being in disagreement with others or of being in fact incorrect in our judgment should not act as a deterrent to the expression of our opinion, as long as we take steps to minimize the possibility of our being incorrect. That is, we have a responsibility to solicit different points running the editorial, and of making a sincere and reasoned analysis of the issues.

The title of this page is "opinion," not "decision." We can not make decisions — we can only recommend to those who are in a position to determine policy, whether that be the students, the faculty, Peter Berke or anyone else. By listening to us, by considering our opinions, and by using our medium to tell others how they feel, decision-makers can perhaps perform their function a little better. I don't know; perhaps facilitating this process is the role and responsibility of an active, involved and free press.

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## feedback

### UA problems not Berke's fault

To the Editor:

You may be ticked off by the manner in which our UAP suggests that you handle convening the GA, but I think he makes a point. The General Assembly has not exactly been of overpowering importance to MIT students. Even the noblest of efforts by last year's UAP, Phil Moore, failed to get more than 25 GA Reps to any one meeting. Clearly, there are issues to be discussed and resolved by the GA, but how does a UAP get the Reps to show up? Elections for Representatives to the GA have not occurred recently,

and when they have, places like McCormick have found only three candidates for seven seats. The blame lies not with the UAP, but with the collection of gnurds that calls itself a student body.

Not convening the GA is not an impeachable offense. If so, why weren't Steve Wallman and Lee Allen impeached when they were UAPs? Before you consider impeachment, ask yourself who you want to replace Peter Berke with. The real problem is that there is nobody left on this campus who can fill Phil Moore's

shoes. The Phil Moores and Mike Alberts have all graduated or left the Institute, and students really don't care anymore.

In any case, the front page of a newspaper is the wrong place to air petty personal disputes, and I hope both you and Mr. Berke realize this.

Geoff Baskir '78

**Editors Note:** Our dispute with Peter Berke is in our opinion neither petty nor personal; our complaints against his performance are sincere and not based on personal disagreement or conflict.

### Grading report - 'ridiculous'

To the Editor:

I would like to raise some hell about the Ad Hoc Committee on grading's ridiculous ideas.

1. The poll mentioned in your article showed that two-thirds of the students interested in this issue were against the idea of giving the point spread in the nurd race. In spite of awareness of the students' attitude toward this committee will probably push it through. I see an escalation of the tool war with all students afraid to go to a class unarmed with their HP's or TI's. Moan.

2. I could be wrong but I think the history of courses at MIT that required very odd grading schemes for one reason or another would show anyone that any set of rules on grading would have to be so general as to have no effect on most grading procedures or else they would be too rigid to handle the wide range of grading schemes required. Groan.

3. Grade inflation came about because it was expected for everyone to get high grades in most of their courses. In larger courses a standard letter of recommendation may be expected in most courses in the future. The other alternative with these reports is that the instructors of each course know their students' special circumstances and write out reams of personal character information. Professors have enough control over where you start out in the real world when you leave here as it is. Except in special circumstances (which you would probably bring to the attention of any prospective employer) your performance in

most of the (largely theoretical) courses here will have little bearing on how well you perform as a professional. Also, survival at MIT is a feat in itself which requires genius or a lot of sacrifice, and frequently both. I see MIT straying even further from a learning institution towards an acid test of its students. Barf.

The present system is bad enough as it is. If you try to convince employers of the value of grades as an evaluation tool for prospective employees, you should also make sure that all those grades are really meaningful, and only feeble attempts have been made at this.

Name withheld by request

### United Way fund drive nearing \$100,000 mark

The Tech received a copy of this letter to the MIT Community.

I am very happy to report that as of today the United Way Campaign has obtained contributions of nearly \$99,000, which is 73 percent of our goal. These contributions have come, however, from only 25 percent of the Community.

We should be able to reach our goal, particularly if contributions come in from the many people who last year participated but have not as yet done so this year. I am sure that in most cases this is a matter of oversight and I trust that in the next few days those of you who plan to contribute will do so.

Since our goal this year is higher than last year's, we also must count upon somewhat broader participation. I am therefore writing to ask whether those of you who initially did not plan to respond won't reconsider and make some contribution, no matter how small.

Incidentally, you will be reading in the press that the Mass

Bay United Way Campaign has ended, but this is not the case for educational institutions. Most industries and communities were able to start their campaigns earlier than the colleges and universities and therefore educational institutions have a later headline. Our campaign has been extended to December 9.

You should all take pride in the fact that as of the present MIT is having possibly the most successful campaign of any of the universities and colleges in the area. But if we are to accomplish our target goal we will still need the help of those of you who have not as yet contributed. I want to thank those of you who have already helped to bring this campaign so close to success. I would like to appeal to you all in the spirit of Thanksgiving to make some contribution to the United Way, a most worthy enterprise which provides many services which affect members of our MIT community.

Lucien W. Pye  
Chairman, United Way Campaign

# Retirement bill debated

By Brian Aiello

A bill proposed by the House Committee on Education and Welfare to raise the mandatory retirement age from 65 to 70 could have several effects at MIT. The legislation, which would effect employees of both private organizations and state and local governments, was proposed as an amendment to the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967.

Several conflicting views have been expressed about the bill regarding its application to university professors. At the present time most administrators have neglected to comment on the bill. Those who favor raising the retirement age to 70 note that the average age in the United States has increased and that older people are more productive now than they had been in the past. Therefore, if a professor over 65 is still capable of teaching, he should be able to continue teaching. A problem arises when an individual is no longer qualified to teach but still wants to continue working. What criterion should be established to judge the competence of an older faculty member?

Another consideration favoring the increase in retirement age concerns social security. With more professors working beyond the age of 65 there would be a decreased need for social security.

According to Jack N. Ray, director of insurance and retirement benefits at Indiana University, the situation could lead to "economic difficulties" for any institution that had made financial projections based on the retirement of their faculty members at 65 instead of 70. Many universities might not be capable of paying the high

salaries of senior professors who in the past would have been replaced by younger professors.

Universities are also fearful of becoming top heavy with senior faculty, which would decrease opportunities for employment and advancement among younger scholars. Dr. Charles Davidson a retired Harvard professor said, "I'm delighted to be retired," adding that it gave him "some independence" which he did not have as a tenured professor. He also said he felt that "young people should be able to obtain a position" and that people beyond the mandatory retirement age should be able to teach, although in a different way. Just as new professors have new ideas which are important, older professors possess wisdom which has been acquired through age. However, there must be some point at which the university can tell the professor to leave.

Professor of Humanities Theodore Wood, Jr. stated that "It would be fine if we weren't required to retire at 65." He noted that professors were formerly employed for half-time at half-pay when they reached the retirement age. Although Wood said he felt this would be great, he realized that it would hurt

younger professors: "I can see ... their point of view."

The effects of raising the mandatory retirement age to 70 would have a greater impact than would be expected from a survey of all professors, according to the Ladd-Lipset Faculty Survey. The survey indicates that 24 percent of all faculty members in the US

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## notes

\* Second term registration material will be available for all regular students in Lobby 10 Monday, Dec. 5, and Tuesday, Dec. 6.

\* The Dean for Student Affairs Office is pleased to distribute to MIT students, upon request, the book *Our Bodies, Ourselves: A Book by and for Women*. Come to 7-103, 7-133 or 5-104 to pick up a copy. There is a limited supply so first come, first served.

\* Parks, pipes and people will be the topic of the day at a free symposium on Alaska with films, panels, and workshops to be held Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9:30am to 5:00pm at Paine Hall, Harvard University (next to the Science Center). For further information, please call Marsha Rockefeller at 227-5339 or MIT Ecology Action at x3-7922.

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- Thursday, Dec. 8, is a holy day Immaculate Conception masses are at 12:05pm and 5:05pm in the chapel.
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## arts

# My Mother . . . My Son shows insight

*My Mother . . . My Son* at the Boston Rep., tickets \$5.50-7.50, through Jan. 8.

By Jim Walker

*My Mother . . . My Son* is a superbly performed collage of short scenes from various works ranging from novels to drama which successfully illustrate in the words of the play's co-star Viveca Lindfors, "That most intricate, most intimate relationship a mother has with her son."

The acting is dazzling. It is miles above the standard mediocrity one meets all too often on screen and stage. Ms. Lindfors and her son, Kristoffer Tabori, were flawless; their technique was excellent. They gave the entire show the feeling of top-notch professionalism.

The set is well-designed, remaining entirely a background to the acting — intrusiveness being a definite danger in a show of this sort. The lighting added considerably to the show, again never intruding.

The only flaw in the show is the script. It is successful, but not quite as fully as it could be. It sacrifices too much of its potential development to pursue its concentration: the mother-son theme.

The collage is effectively done and proceeds non-stop, with only the slightest of pauses between scenes. Unfortunately, the pieces are sometimes too short. The inherent difficulty of a collage presentation with short, varied pieces is the impracticality of building to an emotional peak.

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Viveca Lindfors and her son Kristoffer Tabori star in the world premiere of *My Mother . . . My Son*, opening Nov. 28 at the Boston Repertory Theater (photo by Esquire Jauchem, courtesy of Boston Rep.)

## Chorallaries: new a capella singing group

By Peter Cunningham

(Editor's note: Peter Cunningham is a member of the Chorallaries.)

The MIT Chorallaries, a new *a capella* singing group on campus, will be hosting their first concert tonight at midnight in the lobby of Building 7. The Radcliffe Pitches and the MIT Logarithms will be performing as well.

The Chorallaries are a twelve-member close harmony singing group comprised of both men and women. They were organized less than a year ago, in January 1977, and had their first major performance at this fall's Logjam. The group has a repertoire of songs, varying from music of the fifties to modern theatrical pieces. Many of these numbers were arranged by members of the group.

The Chorallaries are available for private performances, and have a selection of Christmas carols for the upcoming holiday season. For more information, call either Peter Cunningham at either x3-6115 or 492-0180, or Rich Perlstein at x5-7187.

## FILMS

**Reefer Madness and 2001: A Space Odyssey** — This double feature of the most outrageously stereotyped anti-drug movie of the thirties and the best science fiction movie ever filmed is definitely a real winner. November 28 to December 4 at Frankenstein's, Mass. Ave. and Newbury St., Boston.

**Semi-Tough** — A recent movie ostensibly about football which even made the cover of *Sports Illustrated*. In fact, the movie deals with the relationship between three characters and the current consciousness movement. Playing at the Cheri, Boston.

**Between Time and Timbuktu** — A movie as strange as the stories of its author Kurt Vonnegut. Probably worth seeing though, through December 6 at Off the Wall, Central Square. Shows at 6, 8, and 10. Also, Friday and Saturday at midnight.

**Gunga Din** — An old and dated but marvelous romantic story set in Kipling's India. Starring among others Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. At the Cheri, Boston. Friday and Saturday at midnight. Admission 100 cents.

## LIVE

**Billy Joel** — Should be a good concert by one of the best keyboardists around today. Saturday at 8:30pm in the Orpheum.

**Bob Seeger and the Silver Bullet Band** — A popular Midwestern band which is supposed to have a good stage show. "Night Moves" is their best-known song. Friday and Saturday at 8pm in the Music Hall.

## LSC

**Marathon Man** — Violent action-suspense story with Dustin Hoffman and post-war Nazi Laurence Olivier. One of the best of last year's movies.

## weekend

Friday, 7 and 10pm in Kresge (Note change from Rm. 26-100).

**A Night at the Opera** — One of the Marx Brothers' funniest films, starring the usual crew and Margaret Dumont. Saturday 7 and 9:30pm in Rm. 26-100.

**The Producers** — The movie as a whole is not as funny as some of Mel Brooks' other films, but some of the scenes with Zero Mostel and Dick Shawn as L.S.D. will leave you rolling in the aisles. Don't miss "Springtime for Hitler." Sunday 6:30 and 9pm in Rm. 26-100.

## MIT

**Strat's Rat** — The same as usual — mediocre music, but cheap beer. Friday night in the Sala.

**Lobby 7 Midnight Concert** — MIT Logarithms, Radcliffe Pitches, and MIT Chorallaries perform Friday at midnight in Lobby 7 (of course). Always worth dropping by.

— Gordon Haff

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The Kennedy School offers Masters and Doctoral degrees in Public Policy and in Public Administration.



## arts cont.

Mother-son  
relationship  
'intricate'

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the building relationship in one scene not necessarily followed through in the next. Some scenes were too short to give depth to their facet of the mother-son relationship; the end leaving the impression of a gem beautifully cut, but slightly incomplete.

Despite this minor flaw, the show succeeds in presenting a relationship, and a very real one, between two people. It is, perhaps, a reflection of the two performers, but it is not without its insights of the humor and emotion of a mother and son discovering each other.

MIT Dramashop announces tryouts for the IAP major production, Ben Jonson's *Volpone; or The Fox*, to be directed by Prof. J. Everingham, in the Kresge Little Theater on Mon. Dec. 5 and Tues. Dec. 6 at 7:30pm both nights. Call backs will be on Wed. Dec. 7. Anyone interested in acting or production should attend; newcomers are welcome. If interested but unable to attend, contact the director at x3-1908.

The MIT Concert Band, under the direction of John Corley, will present its fall concert on Sat. Dec. 3 at 8pm in Kresge Auditorium. The program includes *Music for Prague 1968* by Husa, *Lincolnshire Posy*

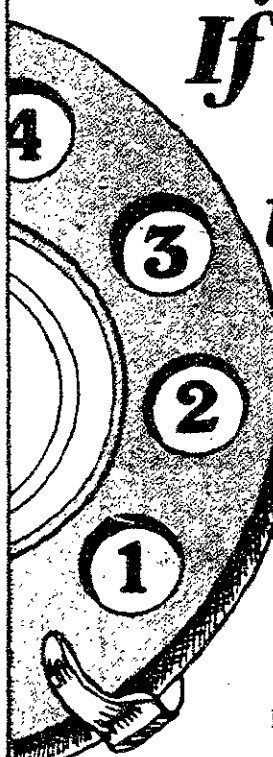
by Grainger, *Emblems* by Copeland, *Dies Natalis* by Hanson, and *A Glorious Day*, Op. 48 by Roussel. Admission is free.

The Harvard Glee Club and the Harvard-Radcliffe Collegium Musicum, F. John Adams conductor, will present a concert of Christmas music in Cambridge this holiday season. The performance will take place at 8:30pm on Fri. Dec. 9 in St. Paul Church, which is located at the corner of Bow and Arrow Streets just off Mass. Ave. Tickets are \$4, \$2 for students, and may be purchased at the door or in advance at the Holyoke Center Ticket Office. Call 495-2663 for additional information.

humor, and tragedy in his play *The Caretaker* which is currently being produced through Sat. Dec. 10 by the Lyric Stage Co., 54 Charles St. in Boston. Show times are Wed. and Fri. at 8pm and Sat. at 5 and 8:30pm. Tickets are priced at \$4 and \$4.50, with group, student, and senior citizen discounts available. Call 742-8703 for reservations and information.

Clamma Dale, singing star of *Porgy and Bess*, will appear in concert at Symphony Hall in Boston tonight, Fri. Dec. 2, at 8:30pm. This performance will benefit the Boston Center for the Arts and the Center for International Visitors. Call 267-0055 for ticket information.

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# Early retirement discussed

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maintain that they will retire from full-time academic employment by age 60. In addition, 11 percent plan to retire between 61 and 63, and 50 percent plan to retire between 64 and 66. Only 15 percent intend to work fulltime in their late 60's, and half of this group plan to continue in their

early 70's.

These statistics are misleading, according to the survey. The survey noted that many professors at institutions with a compulsory retirement of 70 planned to continue working full time until their 70's. Although 13 percent of the professors between ages 50 and 54 plan to retire at age 67 or later,

the proportion jumps to 30 percent for those 60 to 64 years of age. Therefore, it appears that the views of professors regarding retirement age change as they approach that age. Professors seem to be increasingly less willing to retire as the retirement age draws near.

The survey also noted that 60 percent of the faculty members in the 55 to 62 age group said that they would respond positively to a measure that would assure them of pension benefits equal to what they would be at the mandatory retirement age. Many also said that they would consider retirement sooner if assured part-time employment with a proportionate decrease in salary.

In addition to the proposed bill, within the next few weeks the US Civil Rights Commission is expected to send Congress its proposed guidelines for enforcing the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. The measure provides that "no person in the U.S. shall, on the basis of age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." Congress has delayed the enforcement of this bill until January 1, 1979 due to controversy.

## MIT surveying companies involvement in S. Africa

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probably "look hard" at endorsing the Sullivan principles.

These principles, already accepted by Ford, General Motors, Mobil and several other large corporations, are six guidelines for the conduct of the companies' South African operations:

"1. Non-segregation of the races in all eating, comfort and work facilities.

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Milne said "I sense some feeling in the [Shareholder Responsibility] Committee that the Sullivan principles are sensible principles."

The group "has believed in the past that the United States corporate presence in South Africa is, in balance, a good thing," as long as the companies follow affirmative action policies, Milne noted.

The SRC has believed that most companies have had good programs in this area, he said, but added that it is uncertain whether it will continue to feel that way.

Milne said that the group would make no recommendation until its corporation survey results are received.

The lack of public protest at MIT is not duplicated on other campuses. Several rallies have

been held at Brandeis where 1,300 students signed a petition requesting divestment.

Petitions have also been circulated at Harvard, which has investments totalling over \$400 million in companies doing business in South Africa.

At Wellesley students formed an ad hoc committee to protest the college's South African holdings and staged a rally and a petition drive. The group met with Wellesley's equivalent of the SRC to demand an answer to the protest within a week and divestment within one month; the administration responded by forming a committee to look into the issue. Another rally was held yesterday evening.



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## Police Blotter

(The Police Blotter is a report written by the Campus Patrol on crimes, incidents, and actions on the MIT campus each week.)

### Thief surrenders

Fast action by a resident of Ashdown House resulted recently in the capture and arrest of a suspect allegedly involved in the larceny of the student's Seiko watch valued at well over \$100.

When the student returned to his room in the early evening, he discovered a stranger rifling his personal property. On seeing the student, the stranger bolted from the room and ran down the hall, dropping the student's watch as he fled. The student gave chase, and the pair raced along the corridor and down a stairwell. With his pursuer hot on his heels, the panicking thief plunged downward to the basement. There he was cornered by the student, an individual well schooled in the martial arts, who made his quarry understand that, discretion being the better part of valor, his wisest option was to surrender. Arriving moments later, the first officer on the scene took the suspect into custody.

At his arraignment the following morning on a charge of Grand

Larceny, it was determined that the suspect was already serving a sentence at the Deer Island House of Correction. As part of a prisoners' "pre-release" program he had been serving his sentence of late at a halfway house in Boston. With his halfway house privilege now revoked, he is currently back at the House of Correction. Trial of the Grand Larceny charge has been scheduled for mid-December.

### Typewriter stolen

A man previously sought by the Campus Police appeared Monday at a Sloan School area building where, by passing himself off falsely as a custodian, he managed to steal an IBM Selectric typewriter. The suspect, who carried a plastic trash bag and gave ready answers to one staff member who questioned him, fled the area when another staffer challenged his lack of a photo-ID badge, but not before he successfully removed the typewriter from the building.

### McCormick larceny

Residents of McCormick Hall reported the theft Friday evening of a calculator, a tape recorder/radio, and a television from a suite that had been left un-

locked and unoccupied. A subsequent search of the dorm undertaken by several students turned up the television, which had been secreted elsewhere in the building.

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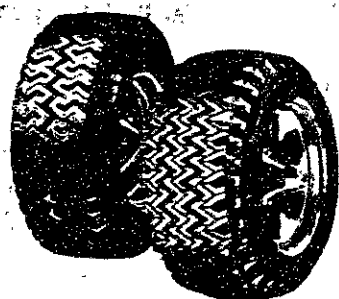
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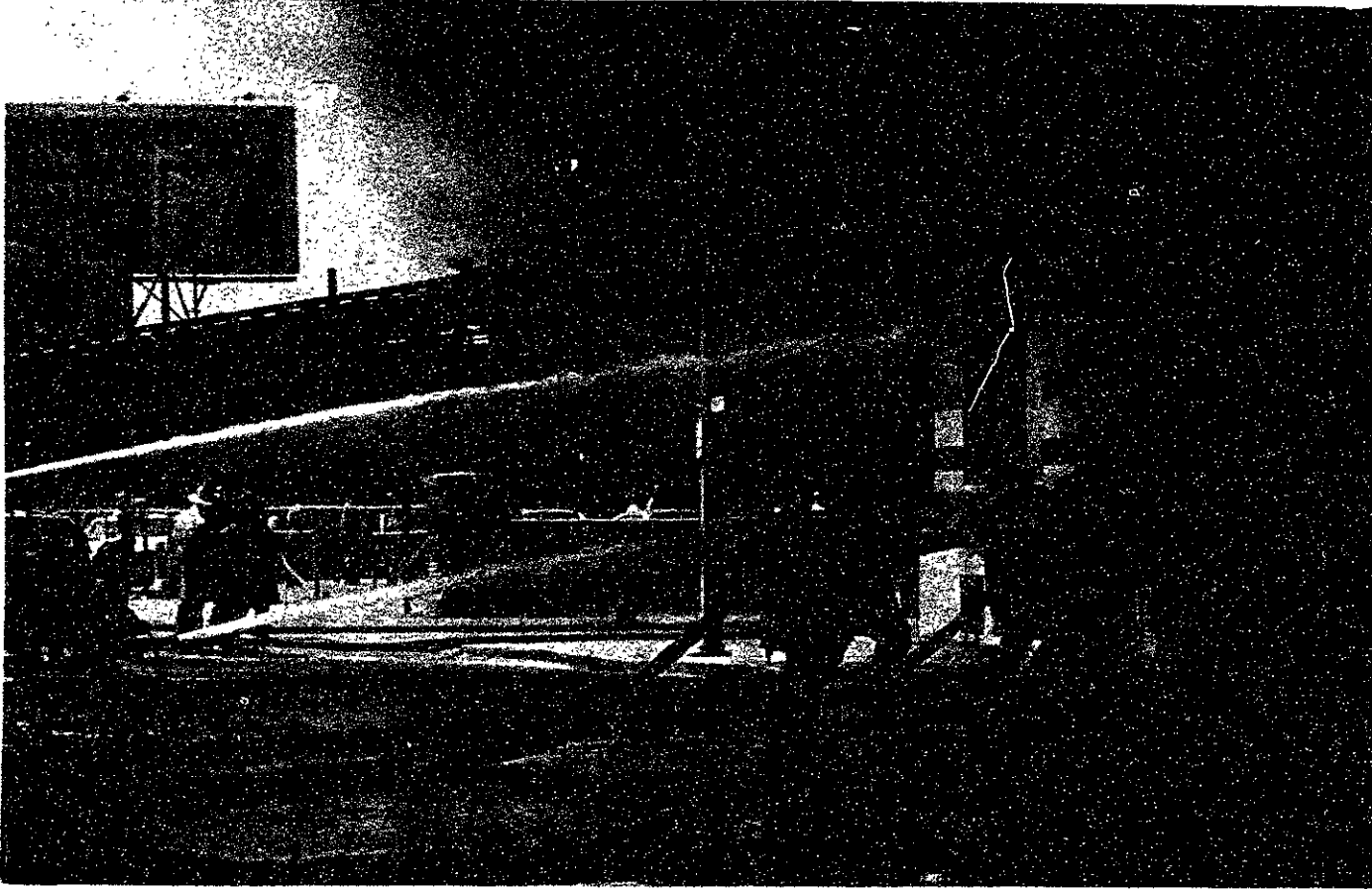
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**N**ow that the year is almost over, I thought it would be appropriate to run a few personal favorites which were never used for one reason or another.

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# sports

## Hoopsters improve; but drop first two

By H. G. Weed

Last Saturday night the MIT men's Varsity Basketball team opened the season with a disappointing 70-68 loss to Brooklyn College. In their second game of the season this Wednesday the Beavers showed considerable improvement in a 97-70 loss to the powerful Judges of Brandeis University.

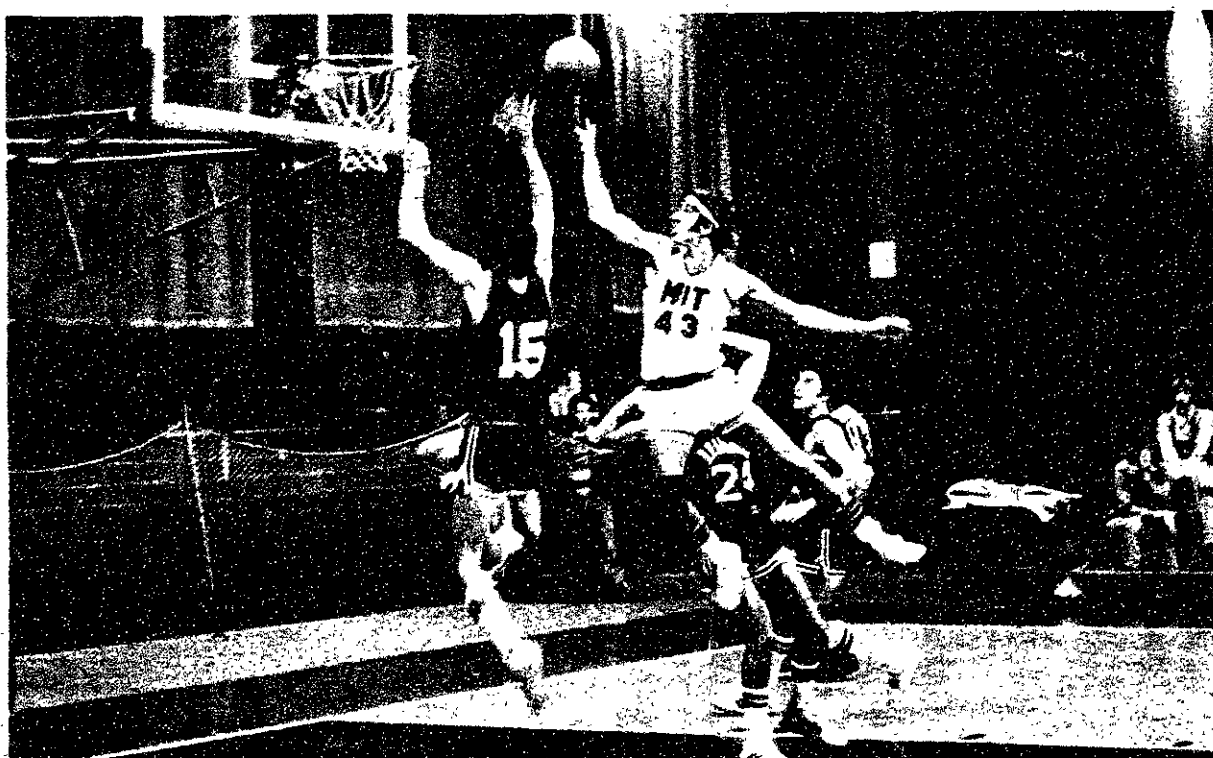
In the beginning of the first game MIT showed good ball control and jumped to an early lead. But a lack of offense by the Beavers enabled the Brooklyn College Kingsmen to gain control and maintain the lead for the rest of the game.

However, there were a few bright spots for MIT. A 22 point, 11 for 14 performance by team captain Rick Van Etten '78 is really what kept MIT in the game.

And an aggressive full-court press by the Beavers at the end of the game cut the Kingsmen lead to one point. Down by one, with 24 seconds on the clock MIT was unable to score a basket, thereby handing the game to Brooklyn.

In the game against Brandeis MIT showed much more poise and aggressiveness and this time received a superlative performance from sophomore Ray Nagem. Nagem, with 30 points and tremendous hustle sparked both the Beaver offense and defense. Unfortunately, Brandeis' awesome front court and depth enabled them to win the game.

Tomorrow night MIT's steadily improving team will take on Trinity College in what promises to be an exciting game. The Junior Varsity begins play at 6:15pm and the Varsity game is at 8:00pm.



Junior John Wozniak (43) soars for MIT in Wednesday's game. (Photo by John Grunfeld)

## Patriots to be eliminated

By Drew Blakeman

Football fans tend to go wild when it comes to their favorite teams, but some take things much too seriously. Last Sunday, one person was killed and two others injured in a barroom brawl in Denver. It seems that these three wanted to play the jukebox at the same time the Broncos-Colts game was being aired, and an irate Broncos rooster shot at them. What some football fans won't do to see their favorite teams play. This week's predictions are:

**Denver 27, Houston 10** — Hopefully no one will be killed because of this game, but the Oilers will feel as if they have been.

**Minnesota 16, San Francisco 7** — The Vikings are praying for snow. Lately, they've needed all the help they can get.

**Cleveland 22, San Diego 13** — The Browns are going to bounce back in a big way after being shut out last week.

**New Orleans 38, New York Jets**

**35** — Even though this game is absolutely meaningless, it still ought to be wild.

**Detroit 10, Green Bay 6** — Crunch! They don't call this the "Black-and-Blue Division" for nothing.

**Cincinnati 17, Kansas City 0** — The Bengals have to tune up for their upcoming clash with the Steelers.

**Dallas 17, Philadelphia 12** — The struggling Cowboys will clinch the NFC East title with a victory here.

**Washington 13, Buffalo 3** — The only thing saving the Redskins this season is their tenacious defense; their offense is virtually non-existent.

**Pittsburgh 27, Seattle 14** — The Steelers are now in sole possession of first place in the AFC Central.

**St. Louis 23, New York Giants 17** — Just a few weeks ago, who would have believed that the Cardinals would be in any position to vault into the playoffs?

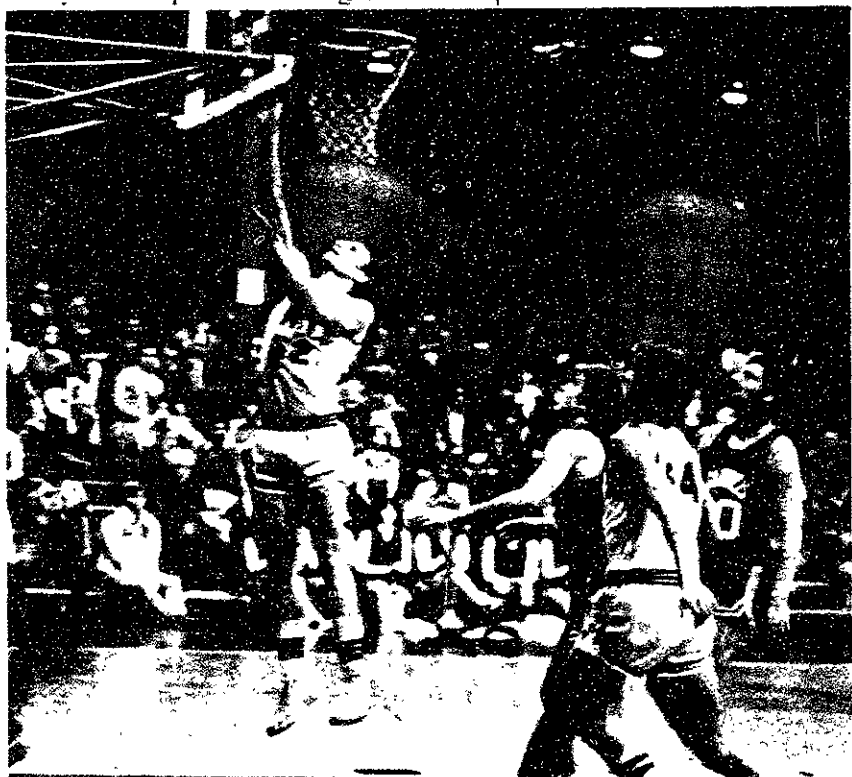
**Atlanta 17, New England 16** — Both teams need to win this one in order to stay alive for a chance at post-season play.

**Chicago 44, Tampa Bay 10** — Walter Payton will run circles around a confused Buccaneer secondary.

**Oakland 31, Los Angeles 7** — Who would have thought that the Raiders would have to fight to make the playoffs?

**Miami 37, Baltimore 34** — This will be one helluva Monday night game, with first place in the AFC East at stake.

Last week: 12-2 .857  
Season: 110-44 .714



Ray Nagem 80 (52) lays in two of his thirty points against the Judges. (Photo by John Grunfeld)

## Rink woes hurt IM hockey

By Gordon Haff

Last Tuesday, the first IM hockey game of the season was played on MIT's 22-year-old outdoor rink. The previous two weeks of unseasonably warm weather and a broken compressor had forced the cancellation of the first twenty games.

Unlike most IM sports where the trend is toward an increasing number of teams — almost an unmanageable number in many cases — IM hockey saw an increase of only two entries over last year. This is indeed fortunate because hockey's scheduling problems are more severe than those of just about any other sport. The breakdown for the teams this season is 4 in A-league, 10 in B, 33 in C, and 16 in D (originally called C-low, this league is a new addition this year, presumably for the purpose of producing a more reasonable level of competition in both C and D leagues.)

As with football, although for a totally different reason, A-league hockey is in trouble. This year it consists of four teams in a single division: SAE/FIJ, Metallurgy, Mechanical Engineering, and the Junior Varsity. The Junior Varsity will serve much the same

purpose as the Community Hockey League did last year — they will play the other teams but will not be eligible for the trophy. Their games will be played during their regularly scheduled practice sessions.

The level of hockey playing ability on the conglomerate teams entered in A-league this year is not conducive to single living groups entering teams against them. Even in the traditional sports powerhouses like Lambda Chi Alpha and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, there is not enough hockey talent to stand up to teams like Metallurgy. Phil Zylberman '80, the IM hockey manager noted that "if someone can hit hard he can play football, but you can't learn to skate well overnight."

When asked about the possibility of having formed an independent and a living group A-league, Zylberman said that Dan Bovarnick (this year's referee evaluator and last year's manager) had mentioned the possibility to him during the fall but too late for anything to be done about it. He added, however, that he would recommend to his successor to look into that option.

Although hockey scheduling is already in trouble due to the lost twenty games, Zylberman says that "if it's a very long winter there will be playoffs." Last year featured one of the best-run playoffs in recent memory with teams in all leagues competing for their respective championships. He added that "As far as games go, games will not be called off unless Physical Plant says that the ice cannot be used."



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